GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2362
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2002
ILLEGAL SUPPLY OF FUEL TO LTTE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the illegal supply of fuel to the LTTE by Indian citizens;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any investigations in this regard;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a),(b) and (c): Yes Sir. Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that during 2000, 1716 litres diesel, 425 litres petrol and 135 litres kerosene were seized and 13 accused were arrested including 10 Indians. During 2001, 200 litres diesel and 2300 litres grease oil were seized and 20 accused were arrested including 16 Indians, when they attempted to smuggle essential commodities including fuel to the LTTE. 4 Indians were detained under NSA in the years 2000 and 2001.

(d): Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that a special force called Coastal Security Group (CSG) has been created to monitor coastal check posts effectively and provide coastal patrolling to check smuggling and infiltration of militants. Smugglers are being detained under NSA, cases are being registered against Sri Lankans and Indians who are smuggling for LTTE, Srilankans coming to adverse notice for smuggling and other related acts are lodged in Special camps to restrict their movements, penalties are imposed on the fishermen who violate the IBL and coordination meetings are held with various agencies at District and State level on periodical basis.